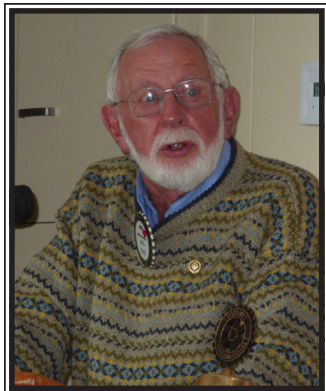




Meeting March 12, 2009

Reported by Harriet Clune



John Borneman gave our inspirational message.

President Deborah Roberts rang the bell at noon to start the meeting. Our greeters were **Midge Stork and Rich Stewart**. The inspirational message was delivered by **John Borneman** who spoke of faith, stability and compassion and shared the story of “John,” a homeless man on the pier who said that he was “Ok as there were a lot of people who

were worse off than him.” The flag salute was led by **Michelle Mercado**.

Introduction of guests was presented by **Jordan Eller**. We had one visiting Honorary Rotarian: **Chuck Yunker**. He brought two guests, his daughter Shannon and her friend, Hailey. We had two guests: **Jeff Hata** brought **Robin Fosler** from the Tender Heart Maternity Home and **Husam Hishmeh** brought **Anil Agarwal** from Farmers Insurance.

Our song today was “Beijing to Paris” to the tune of *In My Merry Oldsmobile* in honor of our speaker,

Announcements:

❖ **President Deborah Roberts** had everyone stand and those wearing their Rotary pin were



Jordan Eller introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

allowed to sit down. About half of the club received a fine for no pin.

❖ **President Deborah** reported that her sister is doing well and is home and Stacy is staying on in Strausberg, France receiving ongoing care. And their state of recovery is due in large part to the assistance of a fellow Rotarian who came to their rescue. Our thanks go out to him.

❖ **President Deborah** reported that a close friend of **Michelle Mercado’s son** was killed...age 23 and in the military. Keep the family in your thoughts.

❖ **A big thank you** to all who participated in the mock interviews...**Nikki Sloan, Bob Pazen, Michelle Mercado, Deborah Perkins, Bill Spellman and Tom Shilton**. They were great!

❖ **Midge Stork** spoke about the Botanical Garden and had a concept drawing to show. There will be a lunch on April 9.

❖ **Midge Stork** also reminded us of Rotary Night at the Rubicon to see “Fiddler on the Roof.” Please



Bill Erickson spoke about his race from Peking to Paris!

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!!

Thank you to all who participated in the parade on Saturday! And a very special thank-you to **Pete Gallagher!** Without **Pete** I doubt we would have anywhere near the exposure for Rotary in these local parades. All four presidents of the Ventura clubs were there once again, as well were many Rotarians from all of the clubs. The Marina Rotary Club even had a pancake

breakfast for those who were downtown early Saturday morning. Yummy! We even saw a few of you watching the parade on Main Street!

Since so many have inquired about Stacy and Katie after last weeks' article, here is an update as of Tuesday, March 17th. Katie (my sister) returned home to Blois last week and, after catching up on laundry and sleep, returned to work. She had no desire to leave her apartment last weekend, and is just glad to be home and relaxing. Stacy is still in Strasbourg. She went home to her apartment over the weekend and tried to return to work. Unfortunately she had to leave due to pain in her kidneys, liver and possibly appendix. She is off of work this week and undergoing more tests. Although they don't know what is still making her ill, they are ruling out as much as they can in an attempt to narrow it down. In the meantime, Stacy is still on antibiotics. Hopefully I will have more info by the end of the week. I want to say how very much all of your thoughts and prayers have meant to the Schaffer's this last week and to me, too. I'm a little surprised by how many actually read The Breeze and my articles! Thank you.

Since I was a little long-winded last week, I'm keeping it to a minimum this week.. Plus it's St. Patrick's Day, and being Irish and Polish I must focus on celebrating!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

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March 19, 2009

Update: Gaza Strip - Jed Harris

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March 19, 2009

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Dave Anderson & Bob Beckwith

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Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart

March 19, 2009 - TBA

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Meetings

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New Member Training Session

April 9, 2009

Vocational Service

2nd Thu/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

April 15 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Wed/Month, Mimi's 7:00 AM

April 13, 2009

Club Service

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April 14, 2009

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2nd Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr 5:30 PM

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

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sign up – it will be great.

❖ **Rich Stewart and Pete Gallagher** told us the St. Pat's Parade group will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Candlelight Restaurant parking lot (Formerly the Landmark 78) on Saturday the 14th. We have 3 trucks so Come One, Come All!

❖ **Vance Thompson** reported on the Trivia Challenge. **Vance, Joe Strohman and John Borneman** represented our club. The Marina Club won the trophy this year.

❖ Relay for Life is coming up. See **Michelle Mercado or Husam** to sign up! Or DONATE!

❖ **Floyd Gill** thanked everyone who signed up to do the inspirational and flag salute. **Floyd** has accepted the chairmanship of the Push 'em Pull 'em Parade. Yea, **Floyd!**

❖ Drawing: **Deborah Perkins:** The drawing item today donated by **Bill Spellman:** \$50. Gift Certificate to Trader Joe's! The winner was **Gene Cherry.** Congrats and enjoy! We raised \$110. today, bringing our total to \$3063...

❖ International Service: **Dave Anderson:** No report.

❖ Community Service: **Tom Swan:** We have 3 BBQ's set. The committee decided to open the BBQ Team to any committee that wants to use it for a fund raiser.

❖ Club Service: **Jeff Hata:** Thanks to everyone who came to support our club at the Chamber Breakfast!

❖ Vocational Service: **Husam Hishmeh:** The job shadow day is coming on April 16. **Husam and Chuck Yunker** looking for volunteers and contact persons. On Thursday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a joint meeting for Vocational Service and New Generations.

❖ New Generations: **Gary Moratz:** No report.

Happy Dollars came from: **Deborah Roberts** because her sister and friend are ok; **Rocky Ludes** for the great article **Deborah Roberts** wrote in the Breeze and for her writing talent; **Bob Beckwith** for **Joe Strohman and Ron Polito** for their help in a real estate and finance transaction; **Vance Thompson** for his daughter receiving a \$3500. scholarship; **Husam Hishmeh** for everyone who takes an envelope to contribute to Relay for Life; **Chuck Yunker** for Lauren who is traveling in Greece and to **Rotarians** who participated in the mock interviews. Our guest, **Anil Agarwal,** gave a happy dollar for his son who has excelled in sports and was a defense attorney in St. Bonaventure's mock trial.

Our program was introduced by **Rocky Ludes.**



"The Car" the went from Peking to Paris!

Our speaker was referred to us from Pete Gallagher, who happened to walk into Bill Erickson's auto repair shop one day and got into a conversation which led to today's program.

Bill Erickson had participated in some lengthy automobile road races in the past, including the La Carrera Panamericana and the Mille Miglia, a 1,000 mile road race in Italy. A few years ago he was talked into participating in the Peking to Paris centennial road race. He found an appropriate car on E-bay in 45 minutes and bought a 1925 Buick, sight unseen. He then rebuilt and upgraded it for the grueling race.

Bill showed a wonderful video which began with photos of the original race in 1907, then cut to the 2007 video in Peking. The first race took 60 days; the 2007 race took 35. The race went through China, inner and outer Mongolia and the Gobi desert, through Russia to Moscow and St. Petersburg, then through Europe to Paris.

The video showed the start of the race and various scenes on the road: a sand storm in the Gobi desert, cars crossing wooden bridges we would think twice about crossing on foot, sand traps, camels, mud holes and cars crossing streams with water up about 18." At the end of the race day, the cars grouped together not unlike wagon trains. Although some cars were worth a million dollars, and their owners worth much more, there was no distinction among participants sharing a meal at the end of the day.

From the China to Russia border crossing, we saw scenes of Russian roads, towns, homes and churches. The participants had a day off in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Finally we saw the end of the race in Paris, with a large crowd cheering on the participants.

This was a great race – and a wonderfully uplifting program for Rotary East! Thank you, Bill Erickson!

== Rocky

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop."

Confucius

Upcoming Events

May 2	2009-10 Board Retreat
May 23	Paul Harris Night
July 4	Push em Pull em Parade
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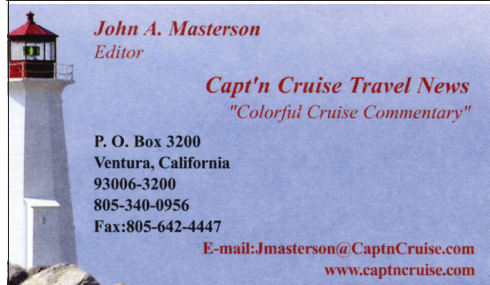
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Foundation honors two California couples for major gifts

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 13 March 2009

Two couples from District 5340 (California, USA) were recently inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society, which honors people who give at least \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Past District Governor Steve Brown and his wife, Susan, and Larry and Linda Sundram were honored 25 February during a ceremony at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, where their portraits now hang in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery.

Brown has traveled extensively to underdeveloped countries, promoting the Foundation and overseeing projects. The Foundation's positive impact in these areas shows why contributions are so vital, he says.

"Your dollar can make a bigger difference when it's spent in underdeveloped countries," explains Brown. "In many countries, there are no safety nets. People could really hit rock bottom if it weren't for the Foundation."

A successful lawyer, Brown became a charter member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle in 1986. He has participated in a National Immunization Day (NID) in Eritrea and facilitated Matching Grant projects in Kenya, Mexico, and Russia.

Much of his current passion is directed toward Afghanistan, which he



Past District Governor Steve Brown (top) and his wife, Susan, (not pictured) and Larry and Linda Sundram (bottom) were recently inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

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Deborah

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has visited several times to support humanitarian and educational projects. In October, Brown and a fellow club member, Fary Moini, met with Islamic leaders in Jalalabad to emphasize the importance of the polio eradication effort.

“There are needs all over the world,” he says. “Being an Arch C. Klumph member means I’m an investor in the Foundation. I have a strong vested interest to see that the Foundation thrives and carries out its mission to help people worldwide.”

The Sundrams, who are both Rotarians, are also committed to the Foundation’s international reach. Larry has traveled to India for an NID and has been involved with several Matching Grants in that country. He is currently the District 5340 Group Study Exchange Subcommittee chair.

The couple has been married for 32 years, and both retired from the insurance industry in 2002. Larry joined the Rotary Club of Vista in 2003, and Linda is president of the Rotary Club of Camp Pendleton, which she joined in 2006.

Linda credits her husband with introducing her to Rotary.

“Rotary is the best organization I’ve seen at breaking down cultural barriers to create peace and understanding,” she says. “It’s a great feeling to donate to such a wonderful foundation, realizing that people will be helped long after we’re gone.”


The Sundrams have helped support the humanitarian work of U.S. military units in Afghanistan and Iraq by helping to collect and forward supplies. Each year, Larry and members of his club distribute Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children and their families in Ensenada, Mexico. The Sundrams also support the Permanent Fund and the Annual Programs Fund.

“The Foundation is the most effective way to get the most money and resources into the hands of people who are in the most need,” says Larry. “Giving to the Foundation gives us peace of mind that the money will be used to its optimum potential.”

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